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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TSPA, US, UK, BF, BD

SUBJ: NASA LASER RANGING STATIONS IN SUPPORT OF GEOS-C

REF: (A) LONDON 11160 (B) STATE 198638

1. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY ON OCTOBER 7 FROM FOREIGN AND COMMONWEALTH OFFICE (DAVID, DEFENSE DEPT.) AS TO LEGAL BASIS UPON WHICH US PROPOSES ESTABLISH LASER RANGING STATION ON BERMUDA, WE OUTLINED US POSITION AS DESCRIBED REF B. DAVID SAID HMG DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT AGREEMENT OF MARCH 15, 1961, AS MODIFIED BY EXCHANGE OF NOTES OF SEPT. 23, 1963, COVERS ESTABLISHMENT PROPOSED NASA LASER STATION PRIMARILY BECAUSE MISSION OF STATION HAS LITTLE OR NOTHING TO DO WITH PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT, I.E., "...TO ACCOMMODATE CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT OF EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS OF A PEACEFUL AND SCIENTIFIC CHARACTER (BEGIN UNDERLINE) CONTRIBUT-

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ING TO MANNED AND UNMANNED FLIGHT (END UNDERLINE-EMPHASIS

ADDED)..."

2. DAVID SAID HMG REGRETTED HAVING TO RAISE OBJECTION ON NARROW TECHNICALITY BUT IT HAD TO BEAR IN MIND POSSIBLE SENSITIVITY OF BERMUDAN AUTHORITIES IF HMG INTERPRETS 1961/63 AGREEMENT TOO LOOSELY. ACCORDING TO DAVID, HMG DOES NOT NECESSARILY OPPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF LASER STATION ON BERMUDA BUT BELIEVES LEGAL BASIS FOR IT SHOULD BE CREATED THROUGH EXCHANGE OF NOTES. DAVID SAID WOULD BE HELPFUL IF US NOTE CONTAINED ASSURANCE THAT LASER STATIONS WOULD NOT INTERFERE WITH AIRCRAFT FLYING IN AREA.

3. LASER STATION GRAND TURK ISLAND APPEARS TO BE ON TRACK. HMG HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO STATION AND IS REVIEWING TEXT OF PROPOSED US NOTE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE PROVIDE DRAFT TEXT OF EXCHANGE OF NOTES TO COVER BERMUDA LASER STATION.

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